

News Release

Native American Heritage Month Highlighted During November at the U of M, Crookston

*By Itollefts on Wednesday, November 7, 2012*In celebration of a rich culture and heritage, the month of November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. A number of events are taking place beginning on Friday, November 16 and running through Tuesday, November 20, 2012. As part of the recognition, a display will be featured in the Library and Bookstore windows for viewing from November 17-30.

The events are sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Multicultural Programs, in collaboration with the Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA), University of Minnesota Extension, the Early Childhood Education Club, the Multicultural International Club, and Sodexo Dining Services.

The public is invited to attend all of the events taking place on campus:

On Friday, November 16, from 5-7 p.m., as part of International Education Week, students in CNIA and the Multicultural International Club will be sponsoring an International Carnival for Kids with games in Bede Ballroom led by students from CNIA. The evening is geared toward families with children ages 10 and under and is free for everyone.

On Monday, November 19, a traditional Native meal will be served in Brown Dining Room from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by CNIA and co-sponsored by Dining Services, Diversity & Multicultural Services, and U of M Extension. The public is invited to attend and cost for the meal is \$7.65 per person.

On Monday, November 19, at 7 p.m. a presentation of the "The Circle of Life, Sacred Medicines and a Celebration of Animals" will be conducted by JT Shining Oneside from the Turtle Mountain Community College/YouthBuild in Turtle Mountain, N.D. Her family-orientated presentation will be of interest for school-aged children.

On Tuesday, November 20, Bill Paulson will be on campus to present "Thanksgiving: A Native's Perspective...History, Hope, and Healing." Attendees are encouraged to bring their own brown bag lunch or purchase a traditional Thanksgiving meal Brown Dining Room for \$7.65. His presentation will take place in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center at noon.

Concluding the events on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 pm, will be "Rivers Edge: An Evening of Native Song, Dance and Music", in Kiehle Auditorium. Highlights include a parade of native regalia, the significance of Native designs/patterns, and story-telling.

Rachel Quale, vice president of the CNIA at the U of M, Crookston, says that this is a month for both education and creating awareness. "The CNIA started on campus four years ago, but in the past two years, we have become increasingly active," Quale says. "We are using November to create a greater awareness of the club, which is open to all students, and even more importantly, to heighten everyone's consciousness of the great legacy of the Native people." Quale, a senior from St. Cloud, Minn., is an equine science major on the Crookston campus.

Background

CNIA is a club dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and understanding of Native people in our region and Native students attending the University of Minnesota, Crookston; to increasing enrollment of Native students; and to promote a culturally connected environment for Native students. They welcome all students to join them.

The month of November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. To learn more, visit <http://www.ncai.org>.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 10 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu).

*In the photo: Lorna Hollowell, center, is joined by members of Rivers Edge, the group will perform on campus on Tuesday, November 20 .*



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